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Theory Average	...73.....	Practice Average	... <u>81.9</u>
Theory of Swim.	...90.....	Athletic Skills	...88.....
Theory of Gymn.	...72.5.....	Badminton	...75.....
Health Education	...80.....	Basketball	...80.....
Comm. Hygiene	...78.....	Campercraft	...92.....
Phys. of Ex.	...78.....	Figure Skating	...75.....
Sociology	...60.....	Volley Ball	...75.....
Psychology	...80.....	Lacrosse	...79.2.....
Anatomy	...59.....	Canoeing	...80.....
Remedials	...66.....	Folk Dancing	...91.....
Methods	...80.....	Handcraft	...81.5.....
		Swimming	...89.....
		Tap Dancing	...80.5.....
		Practice Teaching	...86.5.....
		Gymnastics	...78.....
		Apparatus	...76.....
		Modern Dancing	...76.5.....

(Signed)

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Florence Somers to Jessie Loaring Eastwood

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Dear Pat and Jess -

I have
delayed replying to your
post card, which I was very
glad to receive. - I have only
other 39 - the who has
written was Rhoda Wood, but
from each of you it has
sounded like a fine
reunion! I hope I will
hear sometime when the

other 7 girls were. Of
course one was Dorothy,
whose husband was helping
to run it.

It was so nice, Patty
to have a nice visit with

You and your husband and
the 2 girls. I often wonder-
ed if your mother would arrive
in time for the wedding.
I have been myself often for
not taking you down here

~~2~~ for some place for lunch,
then paid the bill and
walked home while you
spend on your way to Waltham.
Do try it again while I
still have my senses left!

Yes, I haven't seen you
and John since I left Brewster
and that was 3 years ago in
August, I think

I hope you will both
pardon my bad letter
writing. I cannot read a
word that I write and I only
keep them on the paper because
it is a white paper on a green
blotter.

But I remember you all
and cards are so glad for
any chance to see you or
hear from you.

Love to you & your families

Flora

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Jess (Loaring) Eastwood departs on July 26 (her 72nd birthday!) for Denmark to compete with the Dayton Synchronettes in the World Masters Games!

Let's all send "Good Luck"

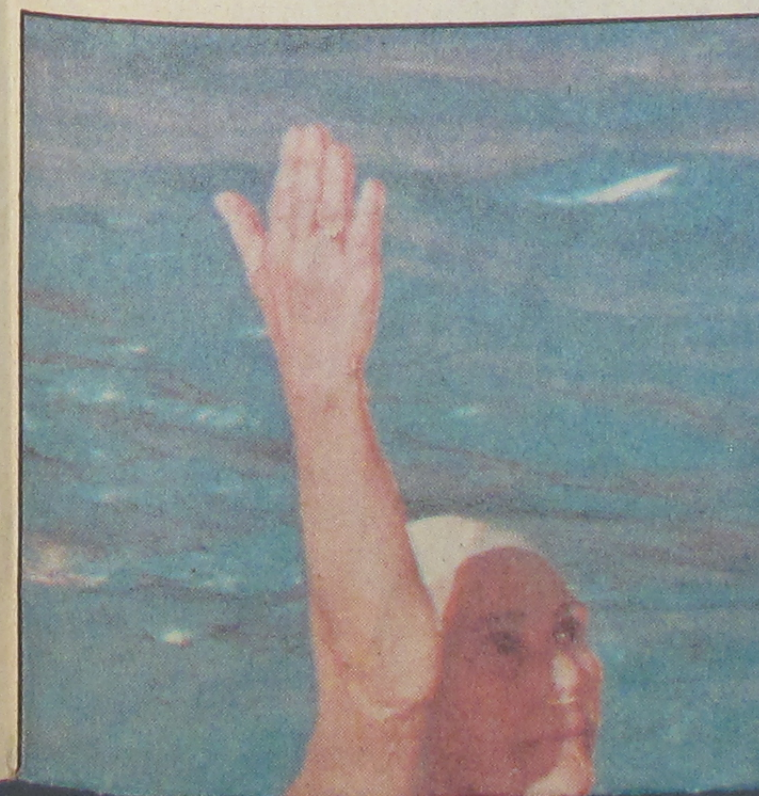
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'We fuss like sisters. And yet when the chips are down, we really work so hard together. This is our swimming family.'

THAT SYNCH-ING FEELING



Above, the Dayton Synchronettes round into competitive form through hour after hour of practice; at left, Jean McClung performs ballet-like movements in water

the oldest in competition. McClung, a member of the 60 and over team, says that only about three other teams are in that age category at most competitions.

The swimmers are a dedicated group. One swimmer drives from Marion to participate. Another couple, a husband and wife, used to drive from Columbus, says Strawser. When they moved to New York, they practiced by video so they could swim with the team in competi-

BY LOLITA M. RHODES/ STAFF FEATURE WRITER

Swimmers make champion effort to perform their sport in unison

While *Bathing Beauty* Esther Williams was diving into her film career, Marj McClung also was taking the plunge. Williams has long since disappeared from the big screen, but McClung still is making a big splash as a member of the Dayton Synchronettes.

Their special brand of synchronized swimming is part water ballet, part water aerobics. Members liken the stamina it takes to a gymnast performing underwater, a six-minute miler running without breathing, an ice skater perfecting figure movements in an unstable medium.

The Synchronettes, who range in age from 24 to 70 plus, first organized in 1952. They are members of United States Synchronized Swimming Inc., an organization of synchronized swimmers that includes those who compete in the Summer

Olympics.

The swimmers, about 23 active and six inactive members, practice almost every day when preparing for a competition, says longtime member Marty Strawser. The rest of the time, they practice about three times a week. Each practice is two to two and a half hours long.

It's Monday morning and the ladies are practicing for a big show at the University of Dayton. They talk and tease like old friends. But all conversation ceases when the music comes on. It's show time.

The soft strains of *Silent Night* are heard, and they swim into a circle, toes pointed, forming what looks like a flower. The flower opens and closes, then they swim into another formation, always in time to the music.

They turn and roll over in the water

like logs. They lock bodies, arch their backs and submerge backwards in a line like dolphins. They form a Christmas tree with their bodies and paddle to the other end of the pool. There's lots of movement, but no loud splashing disrupts the performance.

Though none of the members have had any formal dance training, their moves mimic those of a ballerina. Their arms are extended gracefully, their movements are fluid. They're a ballet company that stays afloat.

The music changes tempo. The ladies, now poised on the edge of the pool, salute and jump into the pool to the strains of a rousing march. Their movements are precise and uniform.

Members say to their knowledge the Dayton Synchronettes is the oldest such club of its kind in the U.S., definitely

tion, she says.

Most shows are a team effort, members say. For example, everyone has a hand in choosing the music, says Strawser. They take turns doing the choreography as well. Members watch everything they can and incorporate it into their routines, Strawser says. Strawser also has a daughter who dances, and they often enlist her aid, she says.

The Synchronettes have been national champions six times. They compete in meets such as the National Masters United States Synchronized Swimming Inc. Championship, which can attract more than 200 swimmers. In 1985, during the World Masters Games, the Synchronettes came in first in the United States, third in the world.

In July, the swimmers will go to Denmark to compete in their next World Masters Games. They qualified for it in November when they competed in the national competition in Winter Haven, Fla.

Members attribute their success to the family spirit of the group.

"We fuss like sisters. And yet when the chips are down, we really work so hard together," McClung says.

"This is our swimming family," says Carolyn Madden, a member for 18 years. "I love swimming to the music."



Above, Dayton Synchronettes members (from left) Jess Eastwood, Marj McClung, Ann Lenz, Carolyn Madden, Marty Strawser and Jean McMaken celebrate after capturing the National Masters Championship in Winter Haven, Fla.; at right, a maneuver that requires an ability to float almost motionlessly



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